1999	3.71 million
2000	3.86 million
2001	3.97 million

State-wise estimates HIV infection are not maintained.

(b) Under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, every blood bank has to be licenced, hence the question of illegal blood-transfusion does not arise. However, as on 31st March, 2002, out of 34362 reported number of AIDS cases in the country 1087 cases are reportedly affected due to blood and blood products.

(c) As on 31st March, 2002, out of 34362 cumulative reported number of AIDS cases in the country 29076 cases are reportedly affected due to unsafe sex. However, the state-wise data is not maintained.

ACP to CGHS Allopathic Pharmacists

4137. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Questions 2290 and 1552 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th March, 2001 and 6th August, 2001, respectively and state:

(a) whether necessary clarification in respect of allopathic system of pharmacists has been received from CGHS/DOPT;

(b) whether promotional hierarchy is cleared for grant of ACP to CGHS allopathic pharmacists;

(c) if so, the details thereof and names of allopathic pharmacists eligible for the ACP; and

(d) whether Government propose to give interest on the amount to be given to them as the ACP has already given to ISM pharmacists last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The matter is still under examination.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration.